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## Secondary suites may get roomier

REAL ESTATE

**Council will vote today on bylaw change**



**Brodie Thomas**  
Metro | Calgary

It was just supposed to be a reduction in red tape for secondary suites, but it stirred up a hornet's nest of opposition from people around the city.

On Monday, council will vote on a proposed bylaw amendment that could allow for secondary suites up to 1,000 square feet, and allow suites on narrower building lots than currently allowed.

The debate on the amendments began at the May 2 meeting, but so many people wanted to voice concerns during the public hearing, the matter was

set over.

Kevin Phillips, an advocate for the Wildwood Community Association, was one of the people speaking out. He said the lack of consultation concerns him.

"This bylaw is very subtle," he said. "They're saying, 'We're not rezoning anything — we're just tweaking a couple of rules.'"

He thinks in the time since the last meeting, council may be ready to address concerns they heard on May 2.

Coun. Shane Keating said he wants to make sure 1,000-square-foot suites are only allowed in basements — since it's nearly impossible to fit one above a garage or in a backyard.

"I'll be putting in a motion to restrict the backyard suites to 750 (square feet)," he said.

Keating also wants to clarify whether narrow lot homes will ever be able to meet the parking requirements.

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# Grieving loss together

REMEMBRANCE

## Artist launches event to help people celebrate their loved ones



**Jennifer Friesen**  
For Metro|Calgary

After a rich life of building a business and a family, Sharon Stevens' father lost his battle with cancer at 63.

The family held a Catholic mass to honour his life, but Stevens still felt that some part of the goodbye she needed was missing.

"As an artist, I wanted something visual and something that would help me express the sorrow I was feeling and the sadness of what this change was going to bring," she said. "It was 20 years ago, but it always stayed with me."

With that weighing heavy in her heart, she started campaigning the city to let her hold an Equinox Vigil to bring Calgary together to celebrate the loss of their loved ones.

"I believe we have the responsibility, as artists, to help human beings express themselves," she said. "When you bring people together as a community, you give them a way to express that grief and sorrow in a different way."

It took two years, but she



Held in Calgary's Union Cemetery every September, the Equinox Vigil is an artist-led public ritual that Sharon Stevens began in honour of her father, who she lost to cancer. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

was finally able to hold the inaugural vigil in Union Cemetery in 2012. More than 200 people attended the September celebration, along with live music, performances and a tea tent to gather in.

Stevens has always melded

**"Always comes back to creating community."**

Sharon Stevens

her art with activism, stemming back to her early years at the Arusha Centre. She said it "always comes back to creating community," and building up other artists to show their work.

"It's the brotherhood and

sisterhood of people gathering together to share stories," she said. "Often, we don't talk about our deceased. They're in our hearts, but in western culture we tend to hide it. This gives us all a night to feel excited and proud to talk about them."

Stevens raises \$20,000 annually to cover the cost of the Equinox Vigil, and, with a continually growing number of attendees, she decided to add something new this year.

During the Sled Island music festival, she will be hosting a tribute to Calgary's war dead along with the Legion in Union Cemetery. On June 22, Harry Sanders will talk about the history and the Calgary Threshold Choir will sing for the lost soldiers.

"We want to honour the soldiers who are a part of our history here," she said. "We want to bring year-round awareness."

Now heading into the fifth year of the event, Stevens remembers the first autumn afternoon in 2012 when she had the chance to remember her father the way she always hoped to.

She told the crowd that she held the vigil in his honour, and was soon met by others who expressed similar experiences — and gratitude for the chance to attend.

"I just felt really proud to bring this to Calgary," she said. "And I think my dad would be proud too."

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

## Woman killed by CTrain

A woman in her early 20s was struck and killed by a CTrain in the northeast early Sunday morning.

Calgary EMS responded to a call at the intersection of 12 Avenue and 36 Street NE around 12:40 a.m. Sunday.

The woman was found to be deceased and was not transported to hospital. Nobody on the train was injured.

Police and Calgary Transit continue to investigate. METRO

IN BRIEF

### Police investigate weekend downtown stabbings

Calgary police are investigating two stabbings that occurred downtown this weekend.

At 10 p.m. Saturday, one man was stabbed at the 1100 block of Memorial Drive. The victim has suffered serious but non-life threatening wounds. No suspect has been apprehended.

At 3 a.m. Sunday, another victim suffered serious but non-life threatening injuries in a stabbing near 17 Avenue and 11 Street SW. The suspect escaped, police said. METRO

### Motorcyclist dies in crash

A 47-year-old Lethbridge man died in a motorcycle collision with a small car on Saturday evening on Highway 512. METRO

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# Trial to start for city's worst mass homicide

## HOUSE PARTY STABBING

### Outside judge to preside as suspect's father a critical officer

A man accused of stabbing five young people at an end-of-school house party will go to trial Monday in what police have said is Calgary's worst mass killing.

Matthew de Grood, 24, faces five counts of first-degree murder. He's been in custody since shortly after the attack on April 15, 2014.

Police were called to a four-bedroom home on a tree-lined street in the city's northwest after things went horribly wrong at the party, which was held to mark the end of the university school year.

Three men were found dead at the scene. A fourth was found on the front lawn and a woman who was stabbed inside the home died in hospital.

Lawrence Hong, 27; Josh Hunter, 23; Kaitlin Perras, 23; Zackariah Rathwell, 21; and Jordan Segura, 22, were all killed.

Police have not said what they believe motivated the attack. They have revealed de Grood was invited to the party and mingled with guests before violence broke out.

The trial is scheduled for two weeks. It is being heard by an out-of-town judge at the



Matthew de Grood, 24, was found fit to stand trial, but his lawyer isn't ruling out a defence that involves a mental disorder. CONTRIBUTED

request of both the prosecution and defence, because de Grood's father is a high-ranking city police officer and could be called to testify.

A psychiatric review determined de Grood was fit to

stand trial because he understands the charges against him and is able to communicate with his lawyer.

He has been undergoing treatment at the Southern Alberta Forensic Psychiatry

Centre since his arrest.

Allan Fay, who represents de Grood, hasn't ruled out a defence of not criminally responsible by reason of a mental disorder.

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## TIMELINE

### How the massacre, aftermath unfolded

■ **April 15, 2014:** Police respond to a home in northwest Calgary at 1:20 a.m. They find three young men dead. A woman found with stab wounds inside the home and a fourth man on the front lawn are rushed to hospital but die.

Police Chief Rick Hanson later that day confirms a suspect has been arrested a few blocks away from the scene and has been taken to hospital with minor injuries. Matthew de Grood, an invited guest at the party, is charged with five counts of first-degree murder.

■ **April 21, 2014:** Funerals are held for three of the victims. Jordan Segura, 22, was in religious studies at the University of Calgary. Kaitlin Perras, 23, is remembered as a dancer, sister and artist. Twenty-three-year-old Josh Hunter, along with victim Zackariah Rathwell, was a member of the band Zackariah and the Prophets.

■ **April 22, 2014:** De Grood makes his first court appearance via closed-circuit television. He's ordered to undergo a 30-day assessment to determine whether he is mentally fit to stand trial. A funeral for Rathwell, 21, is held the same day.

■ **April 23, 2014:** A funeral service is held for Lawrence Hong, 27, who was in his final year in the University of Calgary's urban-studies program.

■ **April 30, 2014:** The University of Calgary holds a public memorial for all five victims. Hunter, Hong and Segura attended the university, Perras studied at

Mount Royal University and Rathwell was at the Alberta College of Art and Design. Scholarships and trust funds are named in honour of each person.

■ **May 22, 2014:** Following a 30-day psychiatric assessment, de Grood is found fit to stand trial. His lawyer, Allan Fay, says doctors recommend his client receive ongoing psychiatric treatment.

■ **July 22, 2014:** De Grood makes his first court appearance in person and is ordered to undergo another psychiatric evaluation. Lawyer Allan Fay says his client is "nervous" and will continue to undergo treatment.

■ **August 28, 2014:** The defence requests another extension of de Grood's mental-health review. He's in custody at the Edmonton Remand Centre.

■ **March 2, 2015:** Preliminary hearing begins to determine if de Grood should stand trial. The courtroom is packed with friends and family members of the victims.

■ **March 6, 2015:** De Grood is ordered to stand trial.

■ **March 25, 2015:** A judge upholds a publication ban on search-warrant evidence. Several media outlets had requested access to the warrants and to witness interviews done immediately after the attack. The move was opposed by family members, the Calgary Police Service and the Crown. The judge rules some of the material could jeopardize the fairness of the trial.

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The city's plan for a new pedestrian greenway along 61st Ave. SW. COURTESY CITY OF CALGARY

## DEVELOPMENT

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Coun. Brian Pincott said work

is going ahead on two projects that will make the car-heavy area much more pedestrian-friendly.

The first is a greenway along 61st Avenue S.W. between the Chinook Station and Macleod Trail. The second is a pedestrian bridge that will go over Macleod Trail and directly into the Chinook Centre.

Pincott said the city has submitted a development permit for the pedestrian bridge, and that Chinook will also submit

a development permit for the work on the centre's property.

"It will make the walk (to and from the CTrain) considerably more enjoyable," said Pincott. "You actually will be able to take an escalator or elevator up to the Plus 15."

He said the development is about making the journey more enjoyable for pedestrians.

"If you walk there and stand on the corner of Macleod and 61 Avenue in the rain, or the hardcore blowing wind, waiting

for the light to cross ten lanes of traffic — it's not a great place."

Pincott said this project was first envisioned in the city's very first transit-oriented-development plan in 2008.

Work on the greenway has already started and is slated to be finished next year. A start time for the pedestrian bridge has not been finalized, according to Pincott.

He expects that project will be completed in the next couple of years.

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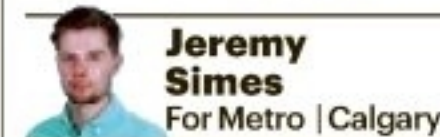


Kristin Czyz died on Friday when her parachute failed while jumping off a bridge in Idaho. CONTRIBUTED

## Skydiver 'an awesome girl'

## ACCIDENT

### Friends to go BASE jumping in memory of Kristin Czyz



Kristin Czyz loved the big sky, sushi and a glass of good wine, according to close friends.

On Friday evening, Czyz, 34, died when her parachute failed after jumping off Perrine Bridge in Twin Falls, Idaho.

On Sunday, Czyz's close friends remembered an ambitious woman full of energy.

Dave Withrow, manager of Skydive Big Sky in Innisdail, said he remembered harnessing Czyz up for her first skydive.

He said Czyz later became an instructor at Big Sky — with more than 1,000 skydives under her belt — and made trips around the world to feel the thrill.

"She was one of those types of people that when she walked in the room she made other people smile," Withrow said.

"Just by being there."

Czyz also introduced a new-to-Calgary Aaron Parrotto to her friends, when he became her roommate about two years ago.

Parrotto said she was always there for him.

"She was so easy to be around ... happy-go-lucky," he said. "(Czyz) was such an awesome girl."

The two would crack open a bottle of wine and eat Czyz's homemade sushi, and then try to watch a flick on her "crappy" TV, he said.

Czyz was relatively new to BASE jumping, Withrow said, adding she may have only done about 40 jumps. In fact, he said Czyz did her first jump at the Perrine Bridge because BASE jumpers can train at the site.

"BASE jumping was a recent thing for her," he said. "But skydivers tend to celebrate life, not dwell on the loss; think about the good things instead of bad parts."

He said her friends will do a skydive together in memory of her next week.

"I've never seen someone so happy and excited every time she was going out to do what she loved," he said. "I'm not ready to say goodbye to this beautiful person."



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## LGBTQ ISSUES

# Urine the wrong: Protesters duel on bathrooms, Bill 10



**Kevin Maimann**  
Metro | Edmonton

Human-rights advocates are getting tired of treading the same old ground, as the debate over LGBTQ rights in schools heated up again over the weekend.

Two opposing rallies took place outside the Alberta legislature Saturday around Bill 10, gender-neutral washrooms and diversity guidelines enacted by the Alberta government.

"Society is moving forward. And they're still talking about where somebody should go pee, today?" said Marni Panas, a transgender woman who was scheduled to speak at the Everyone Can Pee rally Saturday afternoon.

Panas pointed to the United States Department of Education releasing guidelines this week to protect transgender

students in schools, as well as the Canadian government's recent promise to put forward a bill protecting gender identity and expression in the human-rights act.

"The government has moved forward. The views of Albertans have moved forward. It's time to catch up or shut up."

Parents for Choice in Education hosted an anti-Bill 10 rally, arguing against legislation that permits Gay-Straight Alliances in all schools.

The group also opposes the government's diversity guidelines, which state all students should be allowed to use whichever washroom is congruent with their gender identity and be addressed by their chosen name and pronoun.

Parents for Choice in Education member Theresa Ng said Bill 10 "fundamentally and profoundly disrespects the right of parents to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children" by legislating that school principals let students form Gay-Straight Alliances.



**The views of Albertans have moved forward. It's time to catch up or shut up.**

Marni Panas

Panas said society has an obligation to do what is best for every child, and sometimes a school is a child's only safe place to be open about their identity.

"There is a reason why 20 to 40 per cent of the homeless youth population in Edmonton are LGBTQ — because not all parents are there yet to accept and love their children unconditionally," she said.



A protester outside the legislature injects a bit of humor into the debate. COURTESY MARNI PANAS

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# Neighbours 'shocked' by charges at dayhome

## ROCKY RIDGE

**Man accused of sexual assault as police seek other parents**



**Jeremy Simes**  
For Metro | Calgary

Neighbours of a man charged in an alleged sexual assault at a private dayhome say they thought the accused appeared to be a "nice guy."

On Friday, Calgary police Staff Sgt. Melanie Oncescu said investigators are searching for par-

ents whose children may have attended the Little Footprints Dayhome in Rocky Ridge, after a child came forward with allegations of sexual assault.

On Sunday, neighbours of the accused, Jason David Mitchell, said the private dayhome in question had housed about eight to 10 children who appeared to be under five years old.

David Goddette, who lives across the street from the home — located on the 0-100 block of Royal Ridge Terrace N.W. — said he hasn't seen the dayhome operator, nor kids leaving or entering the home, since Friday.

"I talked to (Mitchell) a few times, and he seemed like a nice guy," Goddette said. "But

we haven't seen them since the news broke."

On Friday, Oncescu said Mitchell, 46, has been charged with sexual assault, sexual interference and invitation to sexual touching.

Between September 2013 and May 2016, it's alleged a young child at the northwest dayhome was kissed and asked to inappropriately touch a man, according to Oncescu.

The incident was reported to police last week, Oncescu said, adding there is more than one incident that occurred in the dayhome.

Anne Sorbie, who also lives across the street from the private dayhome, said she finds

the charges troubling.

"We're all shocked," Sorbie said. "All of us very concerned. (The allegations) are really sad."

Oncescu said neither Mitchell nor the dayhome operator are providing police with details of Little Footprint's past and present clients.

"I can't speculate as to ... why they're not co-operating," she said. "It's frustrating, certainly, but I cannot speculate."

Sorbie said parents ought to know of the allegations.

Police aren't releasing the age or gender of the child and, according to Oncescu, officers haven't ordered the dayhome to close.

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Little Footprints Dayhome is located on the 0-100 block of Royal Ridge Terrace N.W. METRO FILE



# Building a better robot industry

## EDUCATION

### Kits for kids to prep the next generation of key workers



**Aaron Chatha**  
Metro | Calgary

DJ Sures sees robotics as one of the future's biggest industries — and the Calgarian is using his startup EZ Robot to ensure that industry is sustainable.

EZ Robot sells robot-building kits, primarily for education, and has recently been lauded as one of Canada's most promising startups through being

selected for the 48Hrs in the Valley program, which helps foster startups through mentorship in the Silicon Valley.

That opportunity is the result of the startup's success bringing robot kits to schools. The kits are customizable — the pieces clip together like Lego — and teach kids the necessary skills to venture into robotics after graduation.

"A lot of companies are trying to create a Formula 1 car before they make the Model T," he said. "You need to educate people, you need to educate students in order to have employees hired to sustain that industry."

He said one of the biggest issues robot manufacturers are facing is the lack of people

trained to work in the field.

"Hiring people is really hard when you're a brand-new technology," he explained. "We deal with it all the time. I can't even imagine what it would be like for a company putting billions of dollars into a project."

Sures has seen some of the most creative ideas for the technology come from children in classrooms. He's seen a child come up with a design for a robot that helps feed his grandparents, or a garbage can that follows the user around the kitchen and takes itself out at the end of the day.

"The inventions they come up with — children haven't heard the word 'no' as many times as an adult has," Sures said.



EZ Robots kits, found primarily in schools, are designed to let kids experiment and create unique configurations from the pieces. COURTESY EZ ROBOT



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"It was kind of done on a lark. We thought we'll just do this as something fun to do," recalled Simpson.



From making sleeping bags by hand to running two warehouses, Narda Simpson (top, second from left) has spent 15 years cultivating Oyaco's success. COURTESY OYACO

The pair were sewing bags on evenings and weekends and selling them out of the back of a car. They caught on, and within

a year-and-a-half they had their own factory to manufacture them.

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pany out of the United Kingdom and eventually opened a factory in Toronto. The company moved into sourcing and importing

products from around the world. "It's extremely fulfilling," she said. "It's not a job. The products we take on are

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She said one of the biggest difficulties of running the business was balancing her work life with mom life. She works a modified work week so she can be involved with her children, go on field trips and volunteer at schools.

In business, her biggest challenge as an importer has been the fluctuating currency.

"A lot of our business is done in USD, so when currencies are changing at such a fast rate, it had a huge impact on our business," she said.

But it's one of the most rewarding things she's ever done. She said Alberta has been very encouraging to entrepreneurship and encourages others to chase after their goals.

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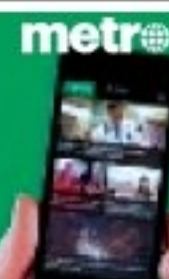
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An estimated 650 bikers attended this year's ride, taking off with a police escort from the Grey Eagle Casino. AARON CHATHA/METRO

WE ASKED YOU

## Messages for the people of Fort McMurray

After wildfires destroyed about one-tenth of Fort McMurray two weeks ago, many residents have sought refuge in Calgary as they wait until it's safe to go home. On Sunday, Metro spoke to Calgarians and asked, "What message do you want to send to the people of Fort McMurray?"

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I think after this they will be stronger than ever. Calgarians know what it's like — we experienced the Floods in 2013. It was tough then, but I think the city has become much wiser for it — we now know the river system much better.

**Peter Tomecek, 21, student**

“



It's so sad to see what has happened, but they are so strong I think. Tough times won't last forever, and I think if they have something they can focus on to take their mind off things then that will help.

**Jonalyn Benitez, 37, funeral home worker**

“



I think they should remember that things can be replaced, so I would

tell them not to worry too much. As long as they have their family, then that's all that matters.... They must be extremely tough to go through something like that.

**Sean Sommerfeld, 25, cook**

## Two wheels are better than four

FUNDRAISER

### Motorcycle ride for safety also benefits Fort Mac evacuees



**Aaron Chatha**  
Metro | Calgary

For 25 years, Mick Cawthorn has been making Calgary streets safer for hogs.

Road hogs.

The annual Motorcycle Awareness Ride brought out about 650 motorbike riders on Sunday, who rode down Glenmore to let Calgary motorists know that it's important to share the road with their two-wheeled compatriots.

"When I see someone driving down the street with a coffee in one hand and a phone in the other, and I'm in a motorcycle and they cut me off — we need to make those people aware that we're here," said organizer Mick Cawthorn.

Cawthorn has been running the ride since the beginning, and said they've raised over \$1 million for local charities over the years.

This year, donations from the ride went to Wood's Homes community outreach, which is helping the evacuees of Fort McMurray.

Cawthorn said he's blown away that the annual ride remains popular after a quarter-century.

"It absolutely feels phenomenal to me, because when we started it, we were trying to make sure it happened for one year," he said. "To see it happen for 25 years is beyond my wildest dreams."

Although motorcycles are more vulnerable on the road, the attendees said it was a true passion.

"I've been on the road for 30 years," said biker Scott Martin. "There's nothing better than having your face in the wind, there's no better way to see the world. You get to see it, smell it, breathe it. It's a full visceral experience."



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# Wearing Fort Mac on your heart

## JEWELRY

## Local designer selling a piece inspired by city

**Ryan Tumilty**  
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For the people displaced by the Fort McMurray fire, their hearts remain in their community — and an Edmonton jewelry designer is giving them an opportunity to show it.

Kristine MacDonald, who has sold copper jewelry through her website for several years, is now selling a piece with an outline of the province of Alberta and a heart over Fort McMurray.

MacDonald said it's a symbol for all the people who have had to leave their homes, because of the horrific fire.

"It's something that they can wear that is a reminder of home and symbol of the pride

they have in their city," she said.

She posted the necklace on her website on Thursday and had to take it down on Friday afternoon, because she couldn't keep up with the demand. She plans to post it for sale again on Monday.

"I make them to order, so it just became way more than I can actually do."

Fort McMurray remains evacuated as workers move to restore utilities and put out remaining hot spots in the city. MacDonald said while most of the billing addresses are from Fort McMurray, the necklace is being shipped to evacuees all over the country.

"The shipping addresses have been all over Canada, mostly to the East Coast."

MacDonald gave \$5 from every one of the initial purchases to the Red Cross and any further sales will have the same amount of money donated to the Alberta SPCA and the Edmonton Food Bank.



**It's something that they can wear that is a reminder of home.**

Kristine MacDonald



The design is a cutout of the province with a heart over top of the Fort McMurray area. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

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# Surveillance app for fire damage released

WILDFIRE

## Viewing the images may be traumatic, minister warns

The Alberta government has released an app that will give Fort McMurray residents a good look at their properties.

A message from Municipal Affairs Minister Danielle Larivee warns that viewing the satellite images may be traumatic, and the number for Alberta's Mental Health Help Line is included in her news release.

Larivee says the maps are intended to provide a high-level satellite overview of the status of the city following the devastating wildfires, however, she cautions that structures that appear to be standing should not be considered undamaged.

Anyone wanting to view the satellite images must first click on a link acknowledging they



The devastated neighbourhood of Abasand in Fort McMurray. THE CANADIAN PRESS

have read and understand the terms of use agreement on the government website.

Larivee says that having been through a devastating fire and evacuation herself five years

ago in Slave Lake, she knows how stressful it can be to wait for updates on which homes have been lost.

The minister says higher-resolution images will be re-

leased soon that should provide a sufficient level of detail to assist property owners with insurance claims and other recovery actions.

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FORT MCMURRAY

## Evacuees to take part in phone town halls

At 7 p.m. on Monday night, thousands of Fort McMurray evacuees will receive a phone call.

The voice they'll hear will invite them to participate in a massive telephone town hall, where for an hour-and-a-half they'll get to hear the latest information and ask questions about the wildfire that forced them from their homes, as well as the condition of their neighbourhoods, financial assistance and predictions for when they'll be allowed to return to their city.

The Alberta government says over 15,000 took part in the first town-hall session that was held last Monday night and the numbers have continued to remain high as more were held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. "We set up these telephone town halls in order to provide you with as much information as we can in an unfiltered way," Municipal Affairs Minister Danielle Larivee said at the beginning of the first session a week ago.

The town hall sessions have the feel of a news conference, but instead of reporters asking

### + INVITATION

#### How to participate

To get the invitation call for the town halls, evacuees must have registered their phone numbers with the Red Cross, but they can also participate by phoning in themselves or listening in online.

the questions, it's the residents of Fort McMurray.

John Archer, a government spokesman, said the town halls were put together because even though there were numerous daily news conference and government updates, it didn't seem to be enough.

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15,000

The number of evacuees who took part in the first town hall session held last Monday, according to the Alberta government

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# New Democrats to name leader in 2017

## POLITICS

### Party opts for extended race for new boss

The federal NDP has opted for an extended leadership race to replace Tom Mulcair, as it looks to name a new leader between September and October of 2017.

The decision comes after around 100 New Democrats from across Canada gathered at an Ottawa hotel Sunday to carve out the terms for the race, a process launched after Mulcair was flatly rejected as the party's long-term leader at a convention in Edmonton last month.

The NDP's national director, Karl Belanger, said members of the party's governing body agreed on Sunday that more time is needed to assess where the party is at and to allow for potential candidates to organize and set up campaigns.

"Councillors felt that by providing that longer window it would provide better opportunities for outreach and fundraising and for the party in general," Belanger said.

In order to run, hopefuls will be required to provide a registration fee of \$30,000 while the spending cap has been set at \$1.5 million.



**Council has given potential candidates a time frame that will allow for a fair and competitive race.**

Karl Belanger

The nomination period will begin in July.

"Council has given potential candidates a time frame that will allow for a fair and competitive race, while giving enough time for the new leader to prepare for the general election," said NDP president

Marit Stiles.

A precise date for a leadership vote was not set.

Some New Democrats who have opened the door to a possible leadership bid include B.C. MP Nathan Cullen, Manitoba MP Niki Ashton and Quebec MPs Ruth Ellen Brosseau and Alexandre Boulerice.

Cullen and Ashton both ran in the 2012 race that resulted in Mulcair's victory.

There are many challenges for the NDP as it looks to replace Mulcair, including the current debt load of around \$5 million — a legacy of the marathon federal election that punted the party back to third party status in the Commons.

For his part, Mulcair has said it is unlikely he will run again in the 2019 federal election. He has yet to weigh in on the timeline announced by the federal council.

As the NDP eyes its future and a lengthy leadership race, fundraising is sure to be a concern. THE CANADIAN PRESS



# Tom Mulcair

The federal NDP has opted for an extended leadership race to replace Tom Mulcair. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**OTTAWA TULIP FESTIVAL BLOOMING** Two-year-old Caelan Hodson walks among the tulips at the Canadian Tulip Festival on Sunday in Ottawa. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Quebec refuses to budge on Uber bill

## SHARING ECONOMY Provincial Liberals call for government to find solutions

Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard said Sunday he will launch a project to study the "sharing economy," while indicating his government won't relent on its hard-line stance on Uber.

Divisions have emerged within the Quebec Liberal party in the days since the province's transport minister tabled legislation that would require drivers for the ride-hailing company to abide by the same rules as taxis, including buying or renting taxi permits.

Party members passed a resolution on Saturday during a meeting calling on the government to work with those involved in the sharing economy, where owners rent something out they're not using, to find legislative solutions aimed at

regulating and allowing these new practices.

Couillard granted their request while making it clear he would not back down on the legislation tabled last week.

"Bill 100 will follow its course," Couillard said outside the council meeting in Drummondville, Quebec. "There will not be substantial modifications to its heart."

Quebec's transport minister tabled the bill on Thursday, later stating that the popular ride-hailing company would have to conform to Quebec law and pay taxes like anyone else.

The bill provoked strong reactions at the council meeting, with some party members claiming it would shut down competition and send the message that the province is closed to technological innovation.

A spokesman for one of the province's taxi drivers' unions said on Sunday that overall, members are happy with the bill. "We are asking the government to adopt this law quickly," Benoit Jugand said, add-

### + BILL 100

#### Key proposals

Quebec's proposed legislation would require anyone offering paid passenger transportation to have a taxi drivers' licence, which requires a background check and mandatory training on customer service.

It would also allow the government to determine how many taxi permits are issued in each region.

The price of a trip could vary depending on a number of factors including the day, time, category of transport or the technology used to order the ride.

ing that the union is opposed to the section of the bill that would allow variable pricing.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Bernier launches Tory leadership campaign

Quebec MP Maxime Bernier has officially launched his campaign to become the Conservative party's next leader. So far, Bernier, 53, and Ontario MP Kellie Leitch are the only official candidates for the party's top job. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### Most ALS doctors support assisted death: Study

Most doctors who care for patients with ALS support the availability of assisted death for those with moderate to severe disease, but few are willing to offer the lethal procedure themselves, a survey of specialists across Canada suggests. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### Robocalls case going before appeal court

Former Conservative staffer Michael Sona, convicted in the 2011 federal election robocalls scandal, is asking Ontario's Court of Appeal to impose a sentence less than the nine months in jail he received. But Crown prosecutors are asking the court to send Sona to jail for 20 months. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

## Ottawa, big pension funds could partner

The Trudeau government's newfound enthusiasm about a big Montreal transit proposal has given Canadians a glimpse at one way Ottawa could fund billions in public infrastructure, like roads, bridges and rail, over the long haul.

In recent days, senior Liberals have been talking up an unusual funding model for the \$5.5-billion light-rail plan for Montreal, calling for a partnership that includes Ottawa and a public pension fund.

The idea was put forward by Quebec's massive public pension fund manager, which recently announced its proposal to build a large electric rail network connecting Montreal to its suburbs.

The fund, the Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec, is prepared to pump \$3 billion into the project — and it wants the provincial and federal governments to kick in the rest.

A subsidiary of the Caisse would operate the rail network and gradually recoup the pension plan's investment through user fees. Eventual profits would be funnelled into Quebecers' public nest egg — the Quebec Pension Plan — which is managed by

the Caisse.

The idea was made public after the Liberal government signalled in its March budget that it would like to engage deep-pocketed pension funds and other "innovative sources of funding" to help raise much-needed cash for long-term infrastructure projects — when it's in the public interest.

So far, this first example of a potential federal partnership with a major pension plan

appears to have stoked excitement among senior Liberal cabinet ministers.

"I salute the innovative efforts of the Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec, which, through its metropolitan electric network, is proposing a new business model to implement major infrastructure projects," Finance Minister Bill Morneau told a business crowd late last week in Montreal.

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Cindy Spieker, Ahmed Haj Ali, Paul Spieker and Abdul Wahab, from left, get together in Berlin, Germany. The group met through a website called Let's integrate! that connects refugees and locals. JONA KALLGREN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# New Germans make new friends

BERLIN

## Let's integrate! helps refugees and Germans meet and talk

During the height of the migrant crisis in Europe last fall, Lasse Landt came to a startling realization.

Thousands of migrants were pouring into Germany every day, but the 36-year-old startup consultant from Berlin hadn't met a single one of them.

"It was all over the media, every day on the talk shows you had people talking about the refugee crisis. I had never seen a refugee," said Landt. "I just wanted to find out if it was real."

His experience is typical for most Germans, and many have volunteered with charitable groups in part to meet the migrants they're hearing so much about. But Landt went further — and the result is a kind of dating website for Germans and migrants, albeit without the romantic aspect.

Together with Khaled Alaswad, a 25-year-old Syrian he met at a computer coding class for migrants in Berlin, Landt started a project to help refugees and locals meet up. Called Let's integrate!, it allows users to pick a time and location and set up a "date."

The idea is to set as low a hurdle as possible for the meeting. No preparation is needed — people just need to show up and hopefully have



Cindy Spieker and Ahmed Haj Ali make an L and I sign for 'Let's Integrate.' JONA KALLGREN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

a good conversation. Or if the language barrier is too high, have a conversation with hand signals.

Alaswad said his friendship with Landt has helped him land on his feet in Germany.

"If the refugees never talk face to face with a local person, they will never know anything about the culture here," he said.

Germany registered around 1.1 million irregular migrants in 2015, most of them refugees from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. But with the closure of the Balkans migration route from Greece to Germany, the number of migrants coming in has dropped dramatically this year.

The authorities are focusing on having migrants learn the language and get jobs. The German government has promised to introduce subsidized workplaces earmarked for refugees.

"In Germany, we have a very technocratic view of integra-

tion," said Landt. "It is basically, you do a language class, you get a job and then you are integrated. But really, it is very much about social contact."

Let's integrate! was launched May 1 and so far at least a dozen meetings have taken place. More Germans have signed up than migrants, so organizers are putting up posters in refugee homes to try to even out the numbers.

One of the first meetings was between two Syrians and two Germans. Abdul Wahab, an 18-year-old Syrian, said he simply did an Internet search for "Integration Germany" and found the page. Ahmed Haj Ali, a 23-year-old refugee from Damascus, found the website on Facebook. Haj Ali and Wahab met with Cindy and Paul Spieker, two siblings from Berlin.

"When you meet, you realize that they are people like us and there is no need to be worried," said Paul Spieker.

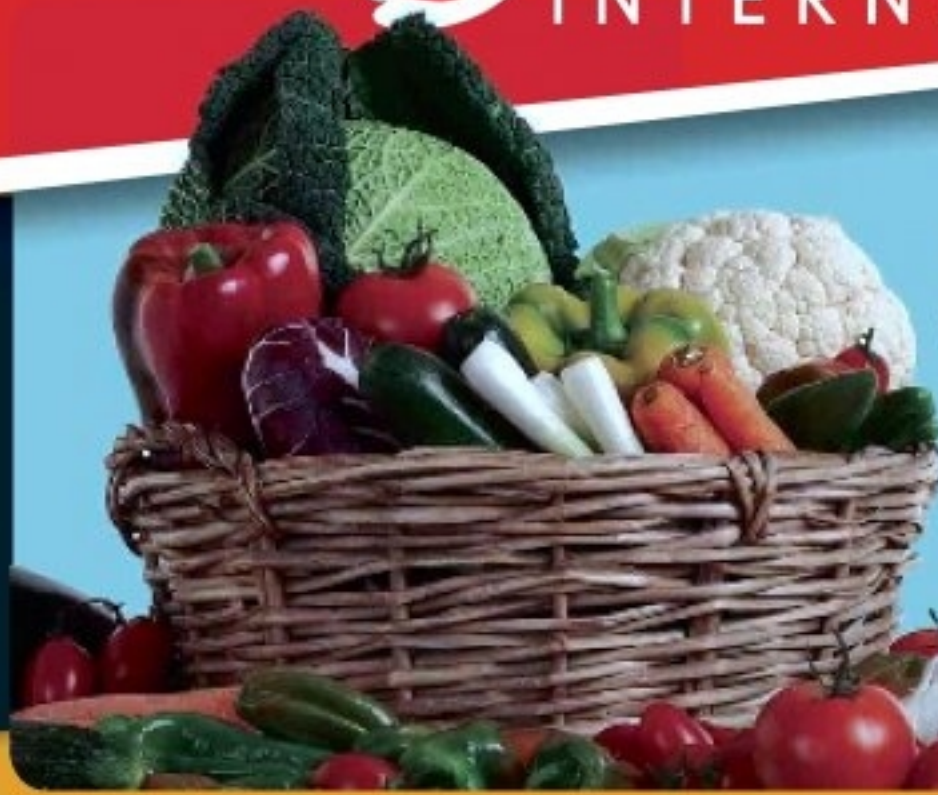
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# Walls not the answer: Obama

POLITICS

## U.S. president gives speech at Rutgers graduation

President Barack Obama on Sunday urged college graduates to shun those who want to confront a rapidly changing world by building walls around the United States or by embracing ignorance, as he delivered a sharp and barely concealed critique of Donald Trump.

Obama used his commencement speech at Rutgers University to illustrate a world view antithetical to the ideas espoused by the presumptive Republican presidential nominee.

Looking out at a sea of red and black gowns, Obama told the roughly 12,000 graduating students that the pace of change on the planet is accelerating, not subsiding, and that recent

history had proved that the toughest challenges cannot be solved in isolation.

"A wall won't stop that," Obama said, bringing to mind Trump's call for building a border wall between the U.S. and Mexico. "The point is, to help ourselves, we've got to help others — not pull up the drawbridge and try to keep the world out."

**“In politics and in life, ignorance is not a virtue.” Barack Obama**

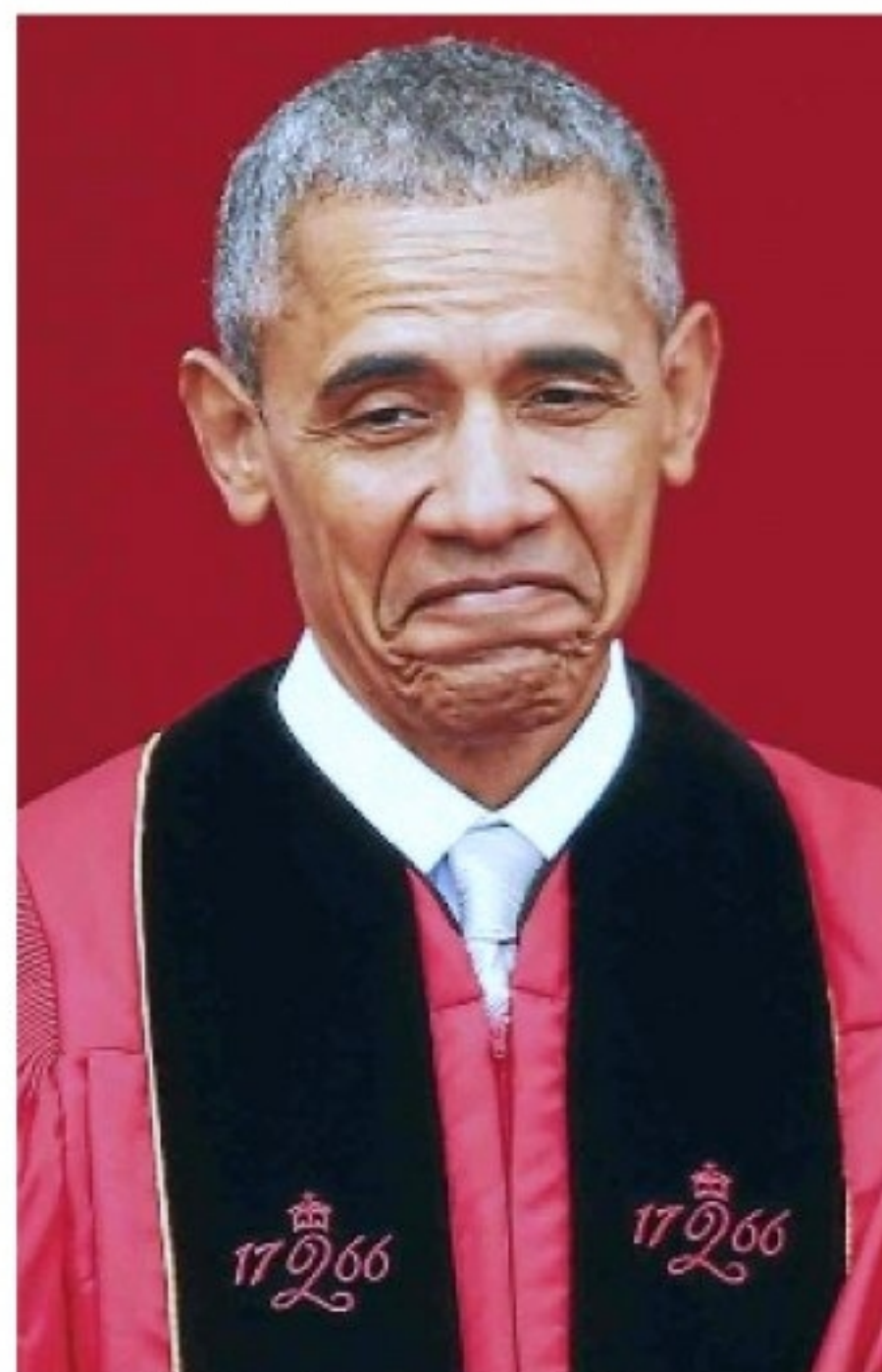
The president never mentioned Trump by name, but his intended target seemed clear. Repeatedly, Obama referred to disparaging comments about Muslims and immigrants, and opposition to free trade deals. But he appeared most incensed by what he described as a rejection of facts, science and intellectualism that he said was pervading politics.

"In politics and in life, ignor-

ance is not a virtue," Obama said. "It's not cool to not know what you're talking about. That's not keeping it real or telling it like it is. That's not challenging political correctness. That's just not knowing what you're talking about," the president said.

Obama's rebuke came as Trump is close to clinching the GOP nomination, raising

the prospect that November's election could portend a reversal of Obama's policies and approach to governing. In recent days, Trump has started focusing on the general election while working to unite a fractured Republican Party around his candidacy. Democrats are readying for a fight against a reality TV host they never anticipated would make it this far. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



U.S. President Barack Obama received an honorary doctorate of laws at Rutgers University. MUNOZ ALVAREZ/GETTY IMAGES

IRAQ

## Daesh attacks kill 29

Daesh launched a co-ordinated assault on a natural gas plant north of Baghdad that killed at least 14 people, while a string of other bomb attacks in or close to the capital killed 15 others, Iraqi officials said.

The attack on the gas plant started at dawn with a suicide car bomber hitting the facility's main gate in the town of Taji, about 20 kilometres north of Baghdad. Then several suicide bombers and militants broke into the plant and clashed with the security forces, an official said, adding that 27 troops were wounded.

The Daesh-affiliated Amaq news agency credited a group of "Caliphate soldiers" for the attack.

In a statement, Deputy Oil Minister Hamid Younis said firefighters managed to control and extinguish a fire caused by the explosions. Younis said technicians were examining the damage.

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## BANGLADESH

## Suspect in slaying of gay activist arrested

Police in Bangladesh said Sunday that they have arrested a suspected Muslim militant for his alleged involvement in the killing last month of a gay rights activist and his friend in the capital.

Police identified the suspect as Shariful Islam Shihab, a former member of the banned Islamic group Harkatul Jihad.

They said Shihab had joined another militant group, Ansarul-lah Bangla Team, in the middle of 2015.

Shihab, 37, was arrested in the south-western district of Kushtia, according to Munirul Islam, head of a newly formed police counterterrorism unit.

There have been a series of recent attacks targeting atheists, moderates and foreigners in Bangladesh. Only one of 15 such killings has been prosecuted

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Just one of the 15 killings that have targeted atheists, moderates and foreigners in Bangladesh since 2013 has been prosecuted.

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Islam said that Shihab allegedly killed Xulhaz Mannan, who worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development, because he was a gay rights activist and promoted the gay community's cause as a magazine editor.

He said Shihab told police during questioning that he took

part in stabbing to death Mannan and his friend as ordered by his group's high command. There was no independent confirmation of the police officer's claim.

Police earlier said they identified at least five people who took part in the killings on April 25 from video footage.

The Bangladeshi branch of al-Qaida had claimed responsibility for the April 25 killing of Mannan and his friend, Tanay Majumder. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Bournemouth fans hold scarves ahead of a Premier League game against Manchester United that was evacuated after a suspicious package was found in the stadium. GETTY IMAGES

## Blunder in Manchester

## SECURITY

### Fake bomb that disrupted game left behind by police in exercise

A security blunder at Manchester United prevented the Premier League completing the season on Sunday, with a fake bomb spotted inside Old Trafford only discovered to have been left from a terror exercise long after the game against Bournemouth was postponed.

Police conducted a controlled explosion and later said that the "incredibly life-like explosive device" had not been cleared by security contractors from a toilet inside England's second biggest soccer stadium after the security exercise.

"It is outrageous this situation arose and a full inquiry is required to urgently find out how this happened, why it happened and who will be held accountable," said Tony Lloyd, the police and crime commissioner in Manchester.

The 380th and last game of an unpredictable season will now be played Tuesday

night in Manchester.

The last round of games was scheduled to be played simultaneously, with spots in European competition still at stake.

But United now knows it cannot realistically qualify for the Champions League after crosstown rival Manchester City effectively secured fourth place on Sunday.

With United's priority now beating Crystal Palace in Saturday's FA Cup final, Bournemouth could have a better chance to climb up to 15th place with a win on Tuesday and collect more than \$1.5 million in extra prize money.

Two stands in United's 75,000-capacity stadium in northern England were initially evacuated before the scheduled 3 p.m. kick-off time.

As military personnel arrived, the remaining fans and the players were ordered to leave the venue.

The security blunder is likely to add to the uneasiness about safety in sports stadiums in Europe following last year's Paris attacks when the Stade de France was one of the venues targeted by suicide bombers.

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# Thousands march in Spain to mark Occupy anniversary

## POLITICS

### Movement in 2011 spread from Madrid across world

Thousands of Spaniards marched in downtown Madrid to mark the fifth anniversary of a protest movement that led to the creation of Podemos, now Spain's third most-popular political party.

The Democracy Now platform had urged people to "occupy squares in all the world's cities on Sunday" to protest austerity, corruption, high unemployment and a lack of transparency in government.

Madrid's Puerta del Sol square became the scene of a protest that lasted 28 days in 2011, sparking a movement that spread across Spain and similar "Occupy" sit-ins in cities across the world.

The protests by those calling themselves "Indignados," or people angered by Spain's existing political parties, led to the emergence of Podemos, which will vie for power in a June 26 election.

In a bid to break the political deadlock that Spain has endured since an inconclusive December vote resulted in no parties able to form a government, Podemos on Friday announced an alliance with the smaller United Left party under the name Unidos Podemos, which means "United



A demonstrator holds a placard reading "They bark, so we advance" during a demonstration marking the fifth anniversary of the "Indignados" (outrage) movement in Madrid, on Sunday. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

We Can."

Polls and analysts have said the alliance could get more votes and parliamentary seats than the centre-left Socialists.

Spain has been in a political stalemate, governed by a caretaker government with Popular Party leader Mariano Rajoy as prime minister since the Dec. 20 vote, when newcom-

ers Podemos and Ciudadanos upset the longstanding dominance of the Popular Party and Socialists who came second.

National students' union leader Ana Garcia, 29, who was at Puerta del Sol, said millions of ordinary people expressed their anger on May 15, 2011 and said "no to paying for Spain's financial crisis."

"We were not going to pay through cuts to our education, health care and human rights," Garcia said.

Organizers posted images late Sunday of well-attended marches in Barcelona, Bilbao and Malaga, as well as Paris — all re-enacting the events of five years ago.

Speaking at a political event

in northeastern Barcelona, Interior Minister Jorge Fernandez Diaz acknowledged that "those who once occupied Sol" had ushered in a new era with fresh faces elected to parliament, but emphasized that change needed to be achieved by democratic elections and not through blocking streets.

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## YEMEN

### Suicide bomber kills 25

A suicide bomber on Sunday detonated his explosives among police standing in line outside a police base in the southern Yemeni city of Mukalla, killing 25, security and health officials said. At least 17 more people were injured in the attack and the officials said the death toll was likely to rise further.

The Yemeni affiliate of the Daesh group claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement posted on social media networks by Daesh sympathizers.

Sunday's victims were policemen returning to work for the first time since last month's recapture of Mukalla by forces loyal to the internationally-recognized government. The port city had been held for more than a year by Yemen's local al-Qaida affiliate.

The victims also included young men applying for jobs with the city's local police, according to the officials.

Sunday's blast came a week after Daesh in Yemen claimed responsibility for an explosion that struck a navy base in Mukalla, killing at least six soldiers. The Daesh affiliate in Yemen emerged during the country's ongoing civil war and has been striving to expand its footprint. Yemen has been embroiled in a conflict pitting the country's Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, and their allies against President Abed Rabbo Mansour's government, which is backed by a Saudi-led coalition.

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Karim Abu Naba'a, candidate for mayor for the Institutional Democratic Party and National Unity Party alliance, casts his vote during the general elections in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## 'This is an abuse': Voter

### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

## Polls delayed after workers walked off the job a day before

Dominicans voted across the country and at polling stations around the world Sunday in an election seen as a referendum on a ruling party that has won four of the last five presidential ballots and has controlled the Congress for a decade.

The ballot featured a dizzying array of choices, including eight candidates for president, all 222 members of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies up for re-election and thousands of people vying for local offices around the country.

Polls opened at dawn, but many had to wait hours to vote, largely because of problems with the deployment of new technology to identify voters by their fingerprints around the country.

"This is an abuse," exasperated voter Ana Maria Perez said

at a polling station in Santo Domingo.

Roberto Rosario, chief of the country's electoral board, blamed delays on the mass resignation of 3,000 technical assistants and other poll workers a day before elections. Replacements had to be trained swiftly. He did not immediately disclose a reason why the workers walked off the job.

President Danilo Medina criticized the "irresponsibility" of the workers who left their posts but said the vote itself was going well. There should be enough time, he said, for everyone who wants to vote to cast their ballot.

"Whatever happens this will be a victory for everyone in the Dominican Republic," Medina said after voting himself.

Polls forecast that Medina, 64, could take more than 50 per cent of the vote to avoid a run-off against his nearest competitor, businessman Luis Abinader. That's due in part to the fact that the opposition is divided and weaker than during the last election, in 2012, which was much closer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### IN BRIEF

**Jefferson's flow rakes in the dough at Texas auction**  
A lock of hair from Thomas Jefferson's head has sold at auction for \$6,875.

Heritage Auctions in Dallas said Saturday's sale was of 14 strands snipped by the statesman's personal physician at the time of his death. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Potato chip bag theft foiled

A man who attempted to rob a car wash in Northern California fled by foot when an employee called his bluff.

The man claimed he had a gun in an empty potato chip bag, police say. When the employee called a co-worker for assistance, the man ran.

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### UNITED STATES

## Navy nearly missed the boat due to cost

The U.S. Navy is ready to take ownership of the Zumwalt, its largest and most technologically sophisticated destroyer.

Sailors' uniforms and personal effects, supplies and spare parts are being moved aboard the 610-foot warship in anticipation of crew members taking on their new charge, said Capt. James Kirk, the destroyer's skipper.

The Zumwalt is the first new class of warship built at Bath Iron Works since the Arleigh Burke slid into the Kennebec River in

1989. The shipyard is expected to turn the destroyer over to the Navy this week.

"We've overcome lots of obstacles to get to this point," said electrician John Upham, of Litchfield. "I think everybody in the shipyard is proud of the work we've done."

The ship features an angular shape that makes it 50 times more difficult to detect on radar; it's powered by electricity produced by turbines similar to those in a Boeing 777; new guns

are designed to pummel targets from nearly 100 miles away. Advanced automation will allow the big ship to operate with a much smaller crew than on current generation of destroyers.

"Zumwalt was a challenge to assemble because of all the new technologies, but sea trials show it is a world-class warship with unique capabilities," said Loren Thompson, senior defence analyst with the Virginia-based Lexington Institute.

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The final cost of the Zumwalt, which was initially planned to be part of a 32-ship program that was reduced to just three ships for financial reasons, is expected to be at least \$4.4 billion. The cost has been attributed to the new tech the ships possess. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# A return too many

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## Refusing too many items can land customers in hot water

This is how it starts: You love shopping online. You're not always careful about how many items you return because you believe in the no-hassle returns promise made by the retailer.

So you buy that camera to test it out. Some of the features are buggy, and you send it back. You buy a blazer in three different sizes but none of them fit right, so you return them all. You take a chance on that electronic device that is ridiculously cheap and it turns out to be junk. You send that back, too.

But buyer beware, a high rate of returned items can lead to a retailer banning customers, including online giants like Amazon.

Stories of being banned from Amazon populate the web.

Lucas Bean, 40, a California entrepreneur who describes himself as an Amazon fanboy, is one person who ran afoul of Amazon's return policy.

"I was basically an Amazon-brand ambassador," says Bean, who was an early adopter of online shopping.

He says his problems began in 2015, after he moved and Amazon continued to deliver parcels to his former address. He bought a video camera (from Amazon) to prove that deliveries weren't being made to his new home.

He refused to accept delivery

money. If items are sold out of season, they have to be sold at a reduced price, or sold in bulk to a re-seller, liquidator or jobber, or at an affiliated clearance warehouse.

The items show up at flea markets, dinged or worn-looking or without a box, and some brands would rather trash their returned goods than have that happen.

Last year, \$290 billion of sales were returned in the United States and Canada, according to statistics from The Retail Equation, a firm that provides return-optimization services to retailers.

Eight per cent of purchases from brick-and-mortar retail sales are returned. But up to 30 per cent of e-commerce exchanges involve a returned item.

An estimated 10 per cent of returns are thought to be either fraudulent or a misrepresentation of the facts — a fake receipt or someone returning something bought a year ago instead of yesterday, says Stephen O'Keefe, a loss prevention specialist with the Retail Council of Canada.

What many people don't know is that such scams could result in criminal charges.

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**"I have the right to return something that is broken."**

Lucas Bean

of a damaged television. He returned a Samsung bluetooth headset because he thought it was counterfeit. But he also admits to returning some things that weren't worth returning.

"I've returned quite a few items that were poor quality," says Bean. "But I have the right to return something that is broken."

Returns create multiple costs for retailers. Some pay for return postage, and even if they don't, restocking items costs

## ANIMAL WELFARE

## Beef industry adapting to changes spurred by customers

When Ben Campbell heard Earls was switching to Certified Humane beef from the U.S., he had a different reaction than many Alberta ranchers.

The 32-year-old raises grass-fed cattle without added hormones at his ranch in Black Diamond, about 60 kilometres southwest of Calgary. He sells directly to customers, often inviting them to visit the rolling hills where his animals graze.

To Campbell, Earls' decision was a response to a trend he had seen firsthand: growing consumer demand for ethical meat.

And though Earls backtracked after a social media slaughtering, Campbell said the beef industry can learn from the controversy.

"People care about where their food comes from and they should," he said. "The average Alberta farmer is proud of the way he produces his beef or she produces her beef, and we want to showcase it. I think a lot of people will be happy to have a certification to show the high standard."

Alberta ranchers say Canada is a leader in animal welfare standards. But companies like Earls

and McDonald's are increasingly finding that customers, especially millennials, want proof that meat was raised humanely — forcing the industry to

embrace certification programs it once resisted.

"We've got to get more comfortable as an industry with those verifications and audits," said Bob Lowe,



Alberta ranchers say Canada is a leader in animal welfare standards. ISTOCK

chairman of Alberta Beef Producers.

"We have been doing things very well and we've been adapting to the science as it comes along, but it's just the independent nature of cattle producers. They just don't want people snooping around."

Certified Humane is a U.S.-based trademark with standards enforced through annual inspections. Some Canadian ranches have the designation, but when Earls couldn't find enough supply in Canada, it switched to buying exclusively in the United

States.

The Canadian industry balked, insisting that local ranchers already met similar standards under national codes of practice. However, the codes of practice are guidelines that aren't enforced through inspections.

Ranchers have had to turn to third-party programs for verification, like Certified Humane or the made-in-Canada option SPCA Certified. Animal welfare advocates say it should be the job of government to inspect farms for humane treatment.

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## URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE



### THE QUESTION

**At my local convenience store, I was told the law says when a customer has more than five lottery tickets, other customers must be helped first. I've never heard of such a law. And there was no sign letting people know about it. What should I have done?**

Dear Ellen,

I recently checked my lottery tickets at a Mac's convenience store. I had less than 10 tickets and was the only customer when I handed them over to the employee at the till. But when another customer came in, she put my tickets aside to help him. As more customers came in, another employee showed up and checked my tickets. I asked why I was made to wait since I was first at the till. They told me there is a law (or bylaw) that says when a customer has more than five tickets, they have to help other customers first. Does this law (or bylaw) really exist? Probably they were right and I don't want to get mad at them. But I have never seen a sign letting customers know about such a law (or bylaw).

Regards,  
M.M.F.

Dear M.M.F.,

You certainly don't need any etiquette advice. It sounds as if you handled the situation perfectly. You were told to wait, you politely waited and, when you asked why you were made to wait, you graciously accepted their explanation.

Which, by the way, is utter hogwash.

I'm not sure what city you're writing from, but (after a quick Google search and accessing my own common-sense circuits) I'll bet you 10 winning lottery tickets that no such law or bylaw exists there

**I'll bet you 10 winning lottery tickets that no such law exists anywhere in Canada.**



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or anywhere else in Canada.

Nor would such a law make sense. The store is profiting on its sale of lottery tickets, and part of the service included in the sale is to check the tickets. Value judgments about the commodity being sold do not legally apply. The customer who shows up to buy milk is not entitled to better service than a customer who buys lottery tickets.

Individual stores, such as Mac's, might have a private-company policy that customers with multiple lottery tickets must wait while other customers are served first. But if your convenience store has this policy, you are right to expect the rule to be made clear

on a sign near the till.

In an effort to be as gracious as you, I will concede the possibility that the employees you dealt with were not malicious liars or rude, incompetent dimwits. It's possible the store has such a policy, but management didn't bother to put up a sign. It's possible the store has such a policy, but the employees were confused about the difference between the words "policy" and "law" or "bylaw." It's possible that once upon a time there really was a giant, crystal-clear sign near the till, but it blew away in a mysterious gust of wind one dark night when a comic book superhero dropped by to pick

up milk, because of the laws and bylaws that require special effects whenever a lead character enters a scene.

In any case, dear M.M.F., I commend you on your excellent manners, and suggest that you write to Mac's management directly. Describe what happened, ask about store policy around checking multiple tickets, and — if the policy exists — suggest they make sure a sign is in place instead of allowing employees to intimidate loyal customers such as yourself with tales of imaginary laws.

**Need advice?**  
**Email Ellen:**  
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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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### Keeping women from the priesthood is keeping us from power

It is odd, the things you do and do not discuss with your mother.

I'm a faithful child of a devout Catholic (the long delayed delivery of an annotated Bible has caused her melancholy lately), and an avowed feminist, but I can't recall ever debating the maleness of the church with my mom.

Most Sundays of my childhood and many since, after listening to yet another man preach, we never turned to each other and said: "So, what do you think about that?"

I know what I think. I think it's bulls-t. I think God created Adam in human form, and the maleness was not the point, though highly convenient for such a patriarchal time. (Jesus' sex is a main reason given for the men-only priesthood.)

Other arguments to keep women out of the clergy are laughable. Take Rev. Wojciech Giertych, Pope Benedict XVI's theologian, who told the Catholic Register in 2013 that men are "more likely to think of God in terms of philosophical definitions and logical syllogisms" — i.e., more likely to use reason. Oh, and men also think in a "male way" about "the building of the church, about the roof of the church which is leaking, about the bishop's conferences." Right.

It's not just the priesthood, the key mechanism of power, which is kept from women. We are also excluded from

other ministries.

Last week Pope Francis, our slow moving source of hope, vowed to strike a commission to study whether women can be deacons — ordained ministers who can conduct marriages, funerals and prayers, but not mass.

Women were deacons in the early church, and it's something Quebec archbishop Paul-André Durocher had advocated as a way to increase roles for women.

To quote my mother, the move would be "baby steps." But to quote her again, "The Pope has a lot on the go."

I called her yesterday to finally get her take on the justification that priests are men because the apostles were. "I have to admit I'm not persuaded," she said. "Women were the ones (Jesus) revealed himself to at the tomb," after all.

A full 75 per cent of Canadian Catholics support the idea of women priests, never mind the lesser deacons. But we shouldn't hold our breath while theologians like Giertych hold sway. "The relationship of love, of attachment, the spousal relationship to Christ is easier for the woman," he said. "So women don't need the priesthood ... because their mission is so beautiful in the church anyway."

With women in the church, it seems it really does always come down to sexuality.

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## Tapping our way into debt

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### Experts worry Apple Pay and other tech will blow budgets

Technology is making buying things easier, but credit counsellors want you to remember that paying for them is still as difficult as ever.

Jeff Schwartz, executive director of Consolidated Credit Counseling Services of Canada, says the ease with which consumers can buy things these days could spell trouble for those who have difficulty controlling their spending.

"It is allowing many consumers to avoid the harsh reality of what is going on inside their bank account or even inside their wallet," he said.

With the expansion of Apple Pay this week, Canadians added yet another way to quickly pay for their purchases without even opening their wallets.

The addition of the big Canadian banks to the service adds to the already numerous ways shoppers have to pay for things quickly, including Interac Flash, MasterCard Tap & Go, Visa payWave, and American Contactless Payments.

Schwartz said the physical aspect of pulling out your wallet and taking the cash out to make a purchase is very different from using a phone.

"You really have to say that I am willing, ready and able and want to make this purchase,"



While a smartphone can help make it easier to spend money, it can also help track spending if you use a budgeting app. iStock

he said.

"There is a real mental link between you actually going in and making that purchase versus just whipping open your phone, throwing it on the scanner and you're done."

The plethora of new ways for people to more easily spend their hard-earned dollars comes amid concerns about household debt levels.

Statistics Canada has reported that for the fourth quarter of last year, the ratio of household debt to disposable income climbed to a new

peak of \$1.65 in debt for every dollar earned after taxes and other fees paid to government.

Credit counsellor Pamela George says the convenience of the new ways to pay for purchases can be problematic for some individuals.

"The problems happen where people are just putting it on a credit card and they don't have a clue where or how they're paying it," said George, who works at the Credit Counseling Society in Ottawa.

She recommends clients withdraw the cash they've al-

located in their budget and when it is spent, they're done.

"The problem starts when you don't track your spending and then you just keep swiping the card," she said.

But technology can also be used to help.

While a smartphone can help make it easier to spend money, it can also help track spending if you use a budgeting app.

Schwartz's agency offers a free app for Apple devices that allows users to keep a record of spending and download it to a spreadsheet.

"That is the upside to the technology. But the basis behind it is budgeting and understanding what money you have coming in, understanding what money you have going out and understanding what money you have potentially available," he said.

George recommends her clients simply stick to cash if they really want to control their spending.

"It is harder to break a \$20 bill for a \$3 cup of coffee than it is to just tap a card," she said.

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### WORKING

#### Former bank exec works for equality in C-suite

Jennifer Reynolds spent 15 years working in capital markets, but three years ago, she'd finally had enough of being the only woman at the table.

"It never occurred to me that in 2016, the boardrooms of this country would look the way they look," she said.



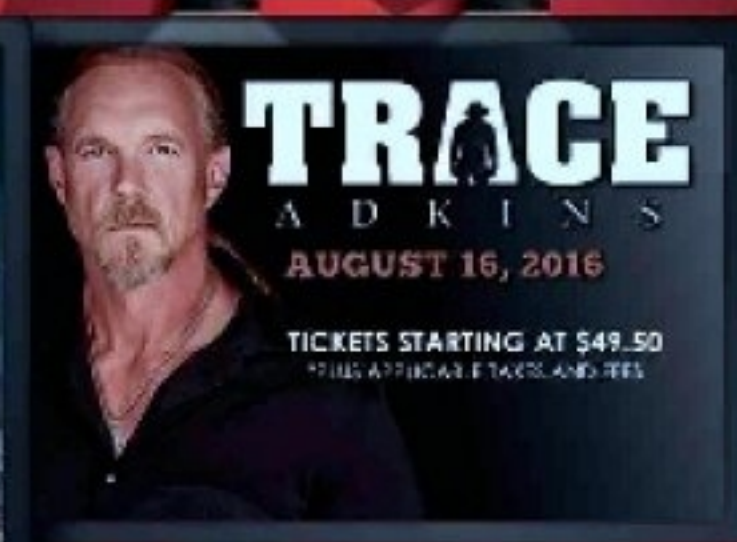
Reynolds (seen left) moved on, and is now president of Women in

Capital Markets, an organization bent on making space for more women in that very place. Efforts to diversify financial institutions' workforces have reached the C-suite and executive offices. The push includes educating girls about the financial industry in high school, Reynolds says.

In Canada, more than 60 per cent of university graduates are women, but Statistics Canada found women are less likely to choose a science, technology, engineering and math program "regardless of mathematical ability."

Roman Dubczak, CIBC's head of global investment banking, says you have to see how many women are working in junior roles and extrapolate that into the future to figure out when we'll start seeing more female execs in Canadian banks. "It could be really, really soon."

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# Get out of that payday loan cycle



Don't get sucked into the bright lights and promises of easy money, writes Gail Vaz-Oxlade. ISTOCK

## CREDIT TIPS

### Do everything in your power to avoid high interest traps

**Gail Vaz-Oxlade**  
For Metro Canada



How is it that pay advance stores are allowed to exist? Section 347 of the Criminal Code makes it a criminal offence to charge more than 60 per cent interest per annum. So how is it that pay advance stores are still a thing?

If you have ever taken advantage of the "cheap money" offered by a pay advance store, you know what a trap it is.

Ads say you'll only pay \$20 for a \$100 pay advance. But since that loan has to be repaid within two weeks, the effective interest rate is 520 per cent. And that first step into pay advance land begins a dreadful cycle of borrowing and re-borrowing because, having repaid the loan with all that interest, there's no money for food.

When Jackie walked into a pay advance loan store it was because the rent was due and after taking four days off with her sick daughter (for which she was not paid) she was desperate.

All Jackie needed to get the advance was a bank account and a job. The people at the pay advance store were very obliging and Jackie borrowed \$600 to cover her lost income, the medicine she had to buy for her daughter, and the money she'd spent on cab rides to and from the doctor's office. She wrote a post-dated cheque for \$720 to be cashed two weeks later when her next pay hit her account. That pretty much wiped out Jackie's next paycheque.

The terms and conditions for payday loans vary by province since the federal government off-loaded the responsibility for monitoring these companies to individual provinces. But regardless of where you live, no one is following section 347 of the criminal code since the most that could be charged for \$100 borrowed for two weeks would be \$2.30, NOT \$20.

Pay advance stores are charging ten times the amount allowed and getting away with it.

Makes me hiss and spit with anger when I see these stores popping up like so many zits all over our country. So much for all that gov-

ernment consumer protection.

Whether you did it as an act of desperation, or you were just dumber than a sack of hammers, your decision to go to a pay advance loan store is costing you big-time. So what do you do if you're in the cycle and are desperate to get out? You're going to have to suck it up and either a) be short for a couple of weeks, while you repay the loan and DON'T borrow again,

or b) find a way to make more money so you can get the life-sucking debt off your back.

There ain't no other way babies. You've just got to get serious about getting out of debt and do WHATEVER IT TAKES to break the desperate cycle of borrowing and then borrowing again to make up for the cash flow shortage caused by the outrageous interest and fees charged.

It'll be hard. It'll hurt. But, hopefully, you'll have learned an important lesson and you won't do that again.

For more money advice, visit Gail's website at [gailvazoxlade.com](http://gailvazoxlade.com)

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REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU LIVE, NO ONE IS FOLLOWING SECTION 347 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE SINCE THE MOST THAT COULD BE CHARGED FOR \$100 BORROWED FOR TWO WEEKS WOULD BE \$2.30 NOT \$20 (WHICH IS 520 PER CENT).

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# 'My purpose ... is to bring people comfort'

## WHY I LIKE MY JOB

**Khelie Mulligan, 42, PSW and Geriatric Activity Coordinator at Douglas Care, Victoria, BC**

From a young age I volunteered as a personal care attendant. I was always interested in helping people with Alzheimer's disease. My grandfather was a doctor and seeing his own health decline as he aged motivated me to learn more about how I can help people living with dementia.

I attended Victoria Elder Care College to obtain certification as a personal support worker (PSW) and resident care attendant, before obtaining a diploma in geriatric activity coordination at Kwantlen Polytechnic University. My practicum in geriatric healthcare was at Douglas Care

Trillium Communities, where I later obtained a full-time position as PSW and part-time role as activity coordinator for about 30 residents with advanced dementia.

My main job is to organize daily activities based on residents' needs and mental/physical states of being, including outdoor activities and birthday events. My purpose

in career and in life is to bring people comfort — whether it's for a resident, friend or family member. This field can be very rewarding, but also challenging and emotional as it's difficult to lose people you care about. PSWs never stop working. But we love to have fun; we do a lot of laughing and singing with the residents ... Or I'll sing and they'll laugh.



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# Tatars celebrate, Russians fume over Eurovision win

## MUSIC

### Jamala's song about Stalin deportations strikes chords

Crimean Tatars on Sunday celebrated Ukrainian singer Jamala's win at Eurovision with a song that sheds light on their horrific deportations to Central Asia under Soviet dictator Josef Stalin but also hints at their recent treatment under Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Many Russians, whose Eurovision Song Contest entry won the popular vote but finished third when the national juries' votes were added, said they felt robbed of the win because of political bias.

The Foreign Ministry spokeswoman joked sarcastically that to win next year's contest a song will need to denounce "bloody" Syrian President Bashar Assad, who is supported by Moscow but blamed in the West for Syria's five-year civil war.

Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014 was condemned by the United States and European Union, which responded by imposing punishing sanctions. Inside Crimea, the seizure of territory from Ukraine was most strongly opposed by the Tatar minority, who now face persecution on the Moscow-ruled Black Sea peninsula.

"This song is about our tragedy ... and I hope that people heard this," said Emine Ziyatdinova, a 27-year-old Crimean Tatar who was among those celebrating the win at a Tatar restaurant in Kyiv.

Jamala's song, "1944," recalls how Crimean Tatars, including her great-grandmother, were deported during World War II.



**Ukrainian singer Jamala**, whose melancholic tune about Soviet dictator Josef Stalin's 1944 deportation of the Crimean Tatars won the 2016 Eurovision Song Contest, arrives at Borispol airport outside Kyiv, Ukraine, on Sunday. SERGEI CHUZAVKOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In the space of three days in May 1944, all 200,000 Tatars, who then made up a third of Crimea's population, were put on trains and shipped off to Central Asia upon Stalin's orders, suspected of collaborating with the Nazis during their long occupation of the peninsula during the war.

Thousands died during the grueling journey or starved to death in the barren steppes upon their arrival. In the decades after the war, the Soviet Union developed Crimea as a

naval base and a tourist destination, dominated by ethnic Russians along with Ukrainians.

It was not until the 1980s that the Tatars were allowed to return to their native land. Jamala, the stage name for Susana Jamaladinova, was born in the Central Asian republic of Kyrgyzstan in 1983. She now lives in Kyiv.

The lyrics of her song don't touch on Russia's annexation of Crimea, and Jamala insists there's no political subtext. But there's no doubt the lyrics are

powerful. She starts the song in English, singing "when strangers are coming, they come to your house, they kill you all and say 'we're not guilty.'"

Russians believe anti-Russian sentiment in Europe swayed the vote. Their entry, Sergey Lazarev, had all the right ingredients for a Eurovision winner: a song with a thumping techno beat, a catchy refrain and a buff man in a tight shirt riding on an iceberg through space.

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**JOHANNA SCHNELLER**  
**WHAT I'M WATCHING**

## Film like the coup that didn't happen

**THE SHOW:** Special Correspondents (Netflix)  
**THE MOMENT:** The other reporters

Arrogant radio reporter Frank (Eric Bana) and his long-suffering technician Finch (Ricky Gervais) are supposed to be in Ecuador during a coup, but instead they're faking reports from an apartment near their station. They've invented a rebel leader, Alvarez. Now they're clicking through channels, watching TV reporters buy it.

"Little is known about Alvarez," the first reporter says.

"The charismatic leader of the Ecuador Liberation Front is believed to come from humble beginnings," says the second.

Frank's rival, Baker (Benjamin Bratt), is next. "What I'm hearing from my sources..." he begins importantly.

"I always knew he made up most of the sh't he reported," Frank says.

"How is he keeping a straight face?" Finch replies.

This telefilm, written and

directed by Gervais, would be the definition of a shaggy dog story, except instead of wandering around, it stays in one place and chases its tail. Gervais repeats every beat: Brigida, the apartment owner (America Ferrera), is dim. Finch's avaricious wife (Vera Farmiga) exploits public sympathy. The scene above is as "scathing" as the "satire" gets.

Puzzlingly, Gervais plants details that should become situations — then lets them die. For example, Brigida is Ecuadoran, so I kept waiting for comic hay to be made with her relatives. It never came. Ditto for Finch's obsessively playing a coup video game. When they finally get to Ecuador, they're gone in less time than it takes to get drive-through burger.

I'm all for writer/directors having fun. But this film is like Frank's coup: It doesn't happen.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



**Radio reporter Frank (Eric Bana)** and his technician **Finch (Ricky Gervais)** in a still from the Netflix movie *Special Correspondents*. KERRY HAYES/NETFLIX



**Jennifer Lawrence**  
GETTY IMAGES

## GOSSIP

## Embarrassing details don't faze Jennifer Lawrence

It seems that Jennifer Lawrence isn't one of these thespians who guard their privacy, at least when she's got a new movie to promote.

With the latest X-Men movie *Apocalypse* set to premiere later this month, Lawrence is making the rounds on the talk show circuit and seemingly willing to talk about anything that leaps to mind. Embarrassing or not, Lawrence is more than ready to open up and talk about it.

To wit:

During a recent interview on BBC Radio with Greg James, Lawrence mentioned an incident in which she was partially revealed trying to relieve herself while wearing the form-fitting blue body suit to play the shape-shifting Mystique.

That's when co-star James McEvoy, horsing around on the set with a toy gun, burst in on her.

"It wasn't fair because we were all shooting each other with guns, but you were all in clothes, and I'm naked,"

Lawrence said.

In an appearance on the U.K.'s *Graham North Show*, Lawrence also recalled meeting actor Harrison Ford and director J.J. Abrams at a night club.

"I never assume anyone knows who I am, but when I spotted Harrison Ford and J.J. Abrams I was like, 'It'll be fine, we're all co-workers, right!' So I went up to them and started dancing like an idiot," Lawrence recalled.

"I realized while I am dancing that they had absolutely

no idea who I was so I just turned around ... dying of embarrassment," she lamented.

Lawrence also recalled attending a concert once and sending her security people to locate U.S. presidential candidate Donald Trump, whom she heard was also in the audience.

"I was adamant on finding him and making a video of me going, 'Hey, Trump, f— you!'" she said.

At some point, remembering her purpose for being on the show, Lawrence told the audi-

ence: "Trust me, you're gonna want to see this X-Men."

Lawrence — attending the GLAAD Media Awards to present a special award to Robert De Niro — tried to inject some edgy levity into the event.

"GLAAD and Bob have a lot in common. They're both gay," Lawrence said.

"Just kidding. I was told by five different people to cut that and I was like, 'Hell no,'" she added.

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Andy Murray celebrated his 29th birthday by beating Novak Djokovic on clay for the first time to win the Italian Open title on a rainy day in Rome

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## Beasts finally unleashed

### RAPTORS TORONTO WINS SERIES

#### Canada's team shrugs off Heat to earn first trip to East final

The Toronto Raptors had waited two decades for this moment.

And as the clock ticked down on a historic victory that launched the Raptors into the NBA Eastern Conference final for the first time in 21 years, Kyle Lowry sat on the bench, his head bowed and draped in a towel.

The Raptors' star on the day was lost in thought.

"Just the things that we'd been through this year, and how hard we've worked," Lowry said of the moment. "Just an emotional time, just being able to sit there and relax, and kind of breathe."

"Playing against a team like Miami, it pushed us to the limit, and so it was just a time to relax and just think about the things that we've done."

The Raptors head into uncharted territory against the Cleveland Cavaliers after a thorough 116-89 dismantling of Miami in Sunday's thrilling do-or-die Game 7.

Lowry had 35 points while

DeMar DeRozan chipped in with 28, playing with the heart and hustle Raptors fans had seen so many times in Toronto's record-breaking 56-win regular season. And they got plenty of help, as Bismack Biyombo had 16 rebounds to go with 17 points, DeMarre Carroll chipped in with 14 points, and Patrick Patterson had 11 points and 11 boards.

Dwane Casey called the series victory a "very important" step for the franchise, but added: "We're not done yet."

"I know what it's like to win a championship," the Raptors coach said. "I'm not saying we can do that, but I think this group is hungry and never say never. I know one thing: our guys will compete."

#### GAME 7 In Toronto



In a fierce back-and-forth series that featured three overtime games, and a slew of injuries, the thrilling finale saw the Raptors lead most of the way. They battled hard on both ends of the

floor with a ferocity they hadn't shown in this series, and opened up a 17-point lead in a solid third quarter.

They went into the fourth ahead 86-78, and when Biyombo muscled his way in for a monstrous dunk — and Usain Bolt celebration — and then Carroll drilled a three, the delirious Air Canada Centre crowd went nuts.

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Raptors centre Bismack Biyombo dunks over Heat guards Josh Richardson, left and Goran Dragic on Sunday. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

#### NBA PLAYOFFS

### LeBron's game face back on

As the score became more and more lopsided in Toronto, LeBron James started to change.

And as the final seconds ticked toward all zeroes on the clock, James took one last look at the scoreboard at the bottom of the TV screen and decided it was time to get serious again.

"Uh, 114-86," James said, relaying the Raptors' huge lead over the Miami Heat in the waning moments of their Game 7. "That's when I flipped the switch."

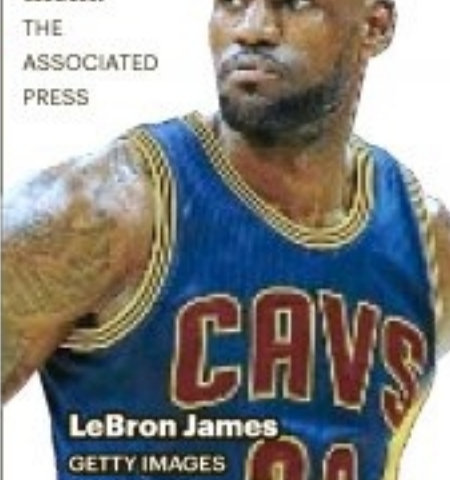
James and the Cavaliers, who haven't played since wrapping up their second four-game sweep of the playoffs on May 8, are back in playoff mode. Bring on Toronto.

James met with media members shortly after the Toronto-Cleveland series became official. The four-time MVP wasn't as talkative as earlier in the work and chose his words carefully as he discussed the Raptors, who won two of three against the Cavs during the regular season.

"We're a totally different team than the regular season," James warned.

The Cavs will focus on slowing down the Raptors' two-headed guard tandem. Kyle Lowry and DeMar DeRozan combined for 63 points in the series-clinching win over the Heat and present a matchup problem for any team because they can drive to the basket or pull up and knock down jumpers. Lowry burned Cleveland by scoring a career-high 43 points in a win on Feb. 26.

"They're two all-stars for a reason," James said about Lowry and DeRozan. "And that's the reason that they're in the Eastern Conference finals because they're two all-stars. They wouldn't be in this position without them."



LeBron James  
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#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

### Rangers deal Jays a haymaker

A feud simmering since Jose Bautista's bat flip in last year's AL Division Series boiled over into a wild brawl in the final game of the season between Toronto and Texas, a 7-6 victory for the Rangers on Sunday.

Bautista and Texas second baseman Rougned Odor got into a fistfight behind the bag after a hard slide by the Toronto slugger in the eighth inning. Players from both teams rushed the field as Odor landed a punch to Bautista's face.

Umpires needed about 10 minutes to restore order, and



Benches cleared after Rougned Odor socked Jose Bautista.

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Blue Jays reliever Jesse Chavez hit Prince Fielder with the next pitch when the game resumed. He was ejected after an earlier

warning for both teams when Bautista was hit by a pitch from Texas' Matt Bush.

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#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

### Pirates get to Cubs in their sixth try

Starling Marte singled with one out in the seventh inning to end Jon Lester's no-hit bid, then scored on Jung Ho Kang's double to put Gerrit Cole and the Pittsburgh Pirates ahead to stay in a 2-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Sunday.

Kang added an eighth-inning home run to help the Pirates beat the major league-leading Cubs for the first time in six tries this season.

Cole (4-3) allowed three hits in eight shutout innings. Mark

#### SUNDAY In Chicago



Melancon gave up a run but held on for his 11th save.

Lester (4-2), who threw a no-hitter with Boston in 2008, had permitted only two walks and retired 16 straight batters before Marte's hit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





**NHL PLAYOFFS BLUES TAKE OPENER** Sharks goalie Martin Jones lets in the game-winning goal by the Blues' Jori Lehtera in St. Louis. Brian Elliott had another standout game in net, David Backes also scored and the Blues opened their first Western Conference final in 15 years with a 2-1 win over the San Jose Sharks on Sunday. JEFF ROBERSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### IIHF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Holzer helps put U.S. in hot water

Germany beat the United States 3-2 on a last-minute goal by Korbinian Holzer at the world ice hockey championship on Sunday, putting American qualification for the quarterfinals in doubt.

However, Finland's 5-0 rout of Slovakia later in the day relaxed the pressure on the U.S., which will now qualify if it does not lose in regulation to Slovakia on Tuesday, and France does not beat Canada on Monday.

The third defeat in six games



**Korbinian Holzer**  
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leaves the U.S. fourth in Group B, one place behind Germany with one game left against fifth-placed Slovakia. The top four advance to the quarterfinals.

Holzer hasn't scored for the last two NHL seasons, but he made no mistake beating U.S. goalie Mike Condon.

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#### IN BRIEF

##### Kenseth ends losing skid

Matt Kenseth held off Kyle Larson in a thrilling run down the stretch to win a wreck-filled race Sunday at Dover International Speedway.

Kenseth snapped a 17-race winless skid with his 37th career victory — and denied Larson his first win.

"I got digging the best I could and tried to hold him off," Kenseth said.

Kenseth and Larson battled door-to-door for part of the final five laps and the 2003 NASCAR champion picked all the right lines and pulled away at the end.

##### Day puts stamp on No. 1 ranking at TPC Sawgrass

The best field in golf was no match for Jason Day at The Players Championship in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

Day caused only a little drama Sunday in what otherwise felt more like another coronation for the 28-year-old Australian. He led by at least two shots the entire round, played bogey-free again on the back nine at the TPC Sawgrass and closed with a 1-under 71 to win \$1.89 million from the \$10.5 million purse.

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# Bolts believe in backup

#### NHL PLAYOFFS

## Lightning take series lead over Pens after injury to Bishop

Ben Bishop's mind raced as the Tampa Bay Lightning goalie writhed in pain on the ice after awkwardly twisting his left leg in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference final Friday night.

The internal "what ifs" ran the gamut. What if the leg was broken? What if his season over?

The one thought that didn't even occur to Bishop was whether 21-year-old backup Andrei Vasilevski could step in and



**Andrei Vasilevski**  
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do the job.

"I think the guys in the room, I know myself, we have full con-

#### UP IN THE AIR

While Bishop's leg is structurally intact, it is uncertain if he will return for Game 2 against Pittsburgh on Monday or if he'll be back at all during the playoffs.

fidence in him," Bishop said. "He's a great young goalie. He's got a future."

Pressed into his first extended playing time in more than a month, Vasilevski turned aside 25 of the 26 shots he faced, aided by a defence that did an excellent job of pushing Pittsburgh's potent offence to the perimeter and

keeping Sidney Crosby and company from generating consistent pressure in front of the net.

Filling in capably has kind of become a thing for Vasilevski, who stepped in for an injured Bishop in Game 2 of the 2015 Stanley Cup final and became the first goaltender to earn a win in relief during a Cup final in more than 80 years.

"Talk about pushing somebody a little bit down the learning curve a little faster than we wanted to," Tampa Bay coach Jon Cooper said. "But there's clichés thrown around all the time, guys who are first in the rink and last to leave and all those types of things, but with that kid, it's actually true."

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Parcel C - SW ¼, 153.84 Acres (+/-) mainly pasture land with exceptional mountain views.

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Anyone interested in submitting an offer to purchase any or all of the lands described above should contact Lexy R. Wong as set out below to obtain an offer package which will contain additional information about the lands and the terms and conditions which the Estate may consider when reviewing the offers.

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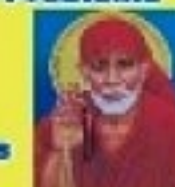
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# **RECIPE** Fresh Tomato Spaghetti



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**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

The longest part of this recipe is waiting for you pasta water to boil. In minutes you'll be eating this light, fresh spring pasta.

## **Ready in**

Prep time: 5 minutes  
Cook time: 10 minutes

## **Ingredients**

- 2 cups fresh tomatoes, washed and chopped
- 1 head of arugula, washed and rough chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3 Tbsp red wine vinegar
- 500 gram package of whole wheat spaghetti
- salt and pepper to taste

## **Directions**

**1.** Put a big pot of well salted water on to boil. In a saute pan, bring the olive oil to low medium

heat. Add minced garlic and allow to cook but not brown. Remove pan from heat.

**2.** Place your spaghetti noodles in the boiling water and cook as long as the package instructions dictate. Scoop out a cup of water out of the pot before draining - this is a good habit to get into. The starchy water is a great way to loosen up a too-thick sauce, plus it adds a certain slickness to your pastas. Drain your noodles well before tossing them back in the pot.

**3.** Add the garlic-infused oil and vinegar and toss well until all of the spaghetti is well coated. Now add your tomatoes and toss again. Throw in the arugula and give it another good mix so there are pieces of green throughout. Season with salt and pepper.

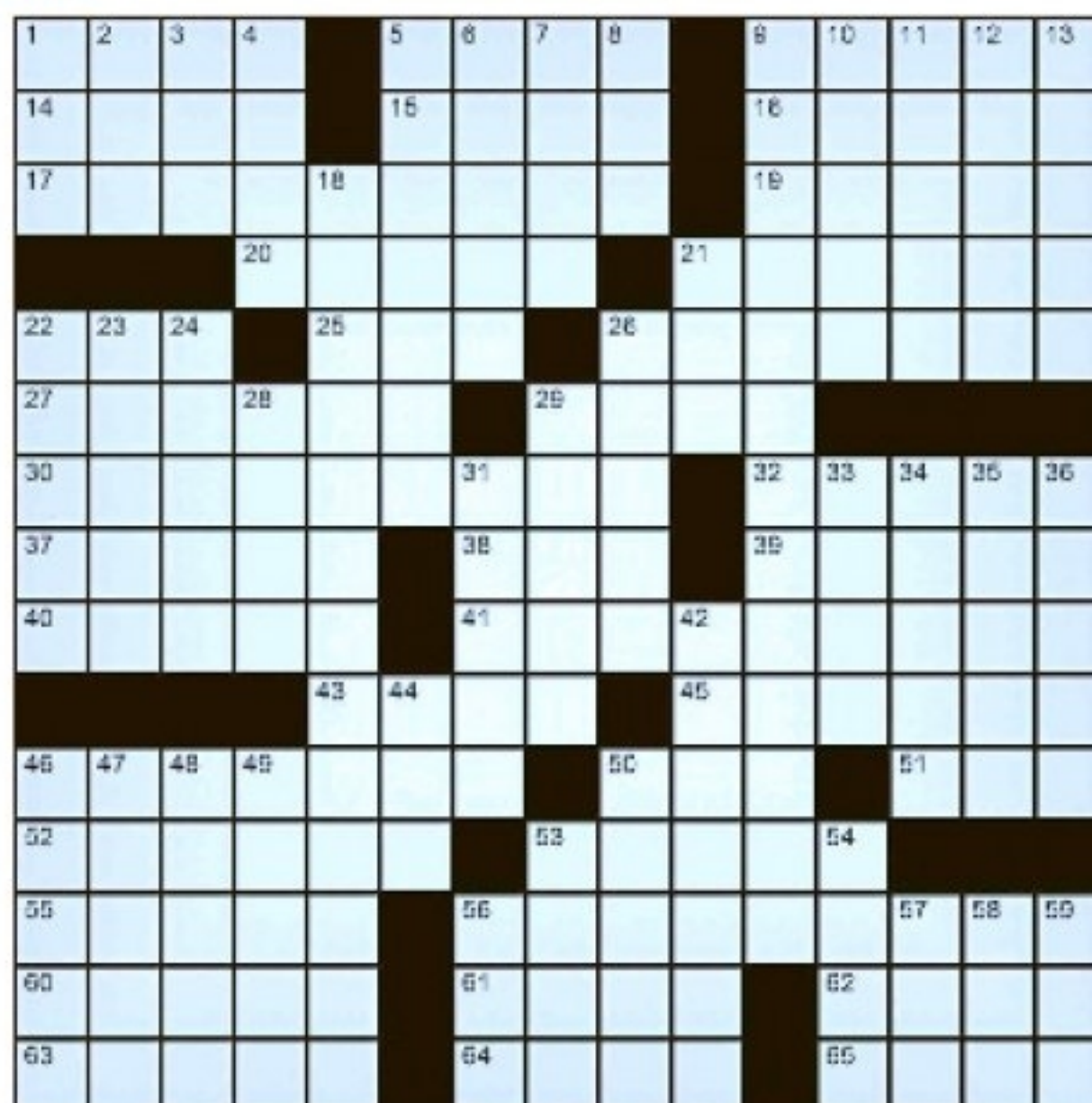
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BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

## **ACROSS**

1. "Roger, \_\_ and out."
5. Let it stand, in proofreading
9. Does this pre-blood test
14. Throw \_\_ loop
15. Samovars
16. " \_\_ favour, say 'Aye'."
17. Earlier-in-time movie scene
19. Greatly gaze
20. "When a Man Loves a Woman" by \_\_ Sledge
21. Electric \_\_ (Beard trimmer)
22. Cleopatra's snake
25. Thumbs-up meaning
26. Most just
27. "Toxic" by Britney \_\_
29. Ti-Cat's foe on the football field
30. DJ's instrument
32. Bite into, puppy-style: 2 wds.
37. Gives off
38. 'Ballad' suffix
39. Concealed
40. "The Beachcombers" character
41. Chant for music-making monks
43. "Get Down \_\_" by Kool & The Gang
45. Melanie's portrayer in "Gone with the Wind" (1939)
46. Posh hairstyle
50. Athlete's injury scan, commonly
51. Friends to Hmms and Ums
52. Confiner
53. Period \_\_ (Historic flick)



55. Computer company
56. Canadian world music guitarist: 2 wds.
60. Jan \_\_ (Dutch painter)
61. Russian city
62. "Home of the

- Bisons' sch. in Winnipeg. \_\_ \_\_
63. "The Planets" composer Gustav
64. Quasi
65. Bldg. rental units

## **DOWN**

1. Sour
2. Li'l loudness
3. 'E' of BCE
4. Vex the vocalist's vocals
5. Secretly, in Latin: 2 wds.
6. Music selection on a record

7. 'Consist' suffix
8. "For shame!"
9. Critiques-of-celebrity-styles show on E!: 2 wds.
10. Chapel area
11. " \_\_ to Love" by Bryan Ferry
12. Loses steam
13. Hagar the Hor-

- rible's dog
18. Satisfyingly happy sounding Newfoundland town: 2 wds.
21. Droop
22. Michaelmas daisy
23. Sea foam
24. Hazard
26. Soeur's brother
28. Opposing
29. Warning signal
31. Set about
33. Yesterday, in Italy
34. Couture collection, Armani \_\_
35. Irish tune: "Robin \_\_"
36. Salmon's canned store shelf neighbours
42. Port Perry, Ontario born co-host of #9-Down, Brad \_\_
44. Headshakes
46. " \_\_ of the Titans" (2010) starring Liam Neeson
47. " \_\_ Be Square" by Huey Lewis & The News
48. Press onward
49. 1966 John Barth novel, \_\_ Goat-Boy
50. Bette Midler, The Divine \_\_
53. Mere's man
54. Quito is its cap.
56. \_\_ Louis (Canadian cakes-in-a-box brand)
57. Basketball play, Alley-\_\_
58. Commonly, curly
59. Cdn. driving measures

# **\* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Loved ones and partners will be more important than usual today, because they give you a feeling of security and support. Right now, this is what you need.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Today you might have health issues or be concerned about your health. When working with others, don't play the martyr game. Stick up for yourself.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Relations with females will improve today. Personally, you will find it difficult to conceal your feelings from others; however, don't worry about it. We all have feelings.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
You might enjoy being by yourself today or cocooning at home, because you feel a need for privacy. Something might happen that makes you see how much your habits control your life.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Today you want to talk to people at a real gut level. You don't want to spend time in superficial conversation talking about the weather.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Earnings, cash flow and your possessions will be your focus today. In fact, it will please you to be surrounded by familiar objects from your past. You might want to clean or repair them.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Today the Moon is in your sign, which makes you more emotional and subjective. Your concerns are about yourself, and this is just fine.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
You will be tempted to withdraw from others today because you feel the need for privacy. Indeed, this is a good day to be alone so that you can get a better handle on your life.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Friendships are important to you today. You might feel protective about a friend, even jealous. It's also a good day to examine your goals.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
For some reason, aspects of your personal life might be put on public display today, or you might find it difficult to hide things about yourself.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Do something different today, because you have an urge for adventure. Break free from your daily routine. Go someplace you've never been before.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Your emotional experiences are more intense than usual today. However, don't worry about this. It's just the Moon passing through a certain part of your chart.

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